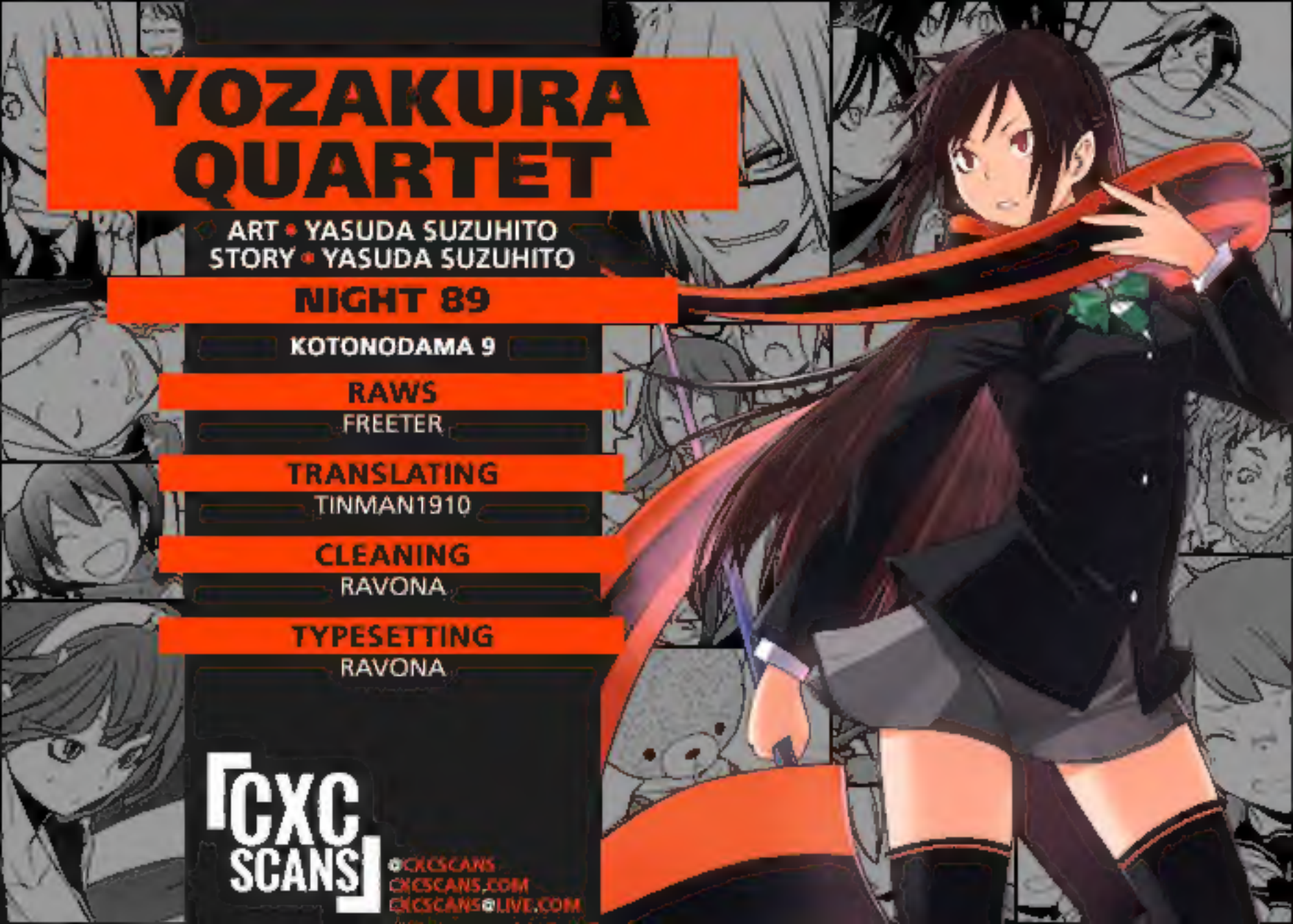
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I'M SORRY,

BUT IF I DIDN'T YOU'D JUST STAY BEHIND ON YOUR OWN...

AND ARE WE OK JUST HIDING HERE?

BUT WHAT WAS WITH THAT POLICE CAR THAT RUSHED BY... IRUKA-CHAN SEEMED OKAY BUT DID MIDORIKO-CHAN ALSO GET IN IT?

I DON'T KNOWWW.

I SHOULD TRY CALLING AKINA-SAN AGAIN.

AH.

SCARED MUCH?

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I HAVE AN ERRAND TO RUN.

S... SORRY,

BUT WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

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...GUESS IT'S AS EXPECTED.

PITIFUL.

THOSE'RE THE SPECIAL EAR PLUGS I USE WHEN READING.

THEY'RE MADE OF A SPECIAL MATERIAL TO BLOCK ANYTHING OUT, NOTHING YOU'LL FIND IN THE STORES.

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THEN USE THOSE, COVER YOUR EARS,

CLOSE YOUR EYES AND STAY COWERED IN A CORNER.

YOU CANT CAST SPELLS,

AND YOU DON'T HAVE THE COURAGE TO LEAVE TOWN.

THOUGH WHAT'S LEFT MAY ONLY BE A FIELD OF RUBBLE AND FIRE.

DURING THAT TIME THIS STORM WILL PASS.

PATHETIC!

YOU'RE STRONG ENOUGH TO BE ABLE TO LAND A KICK TO MY FACE AND YET...

WHY HAS KOTOHA -CHAN GOT TO TAKE THAT KIND OF ABUSE...

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...I KNOW I'M IN NO SITUATION TO ASK BUT...

THE TOWN, THE PEOPLE...

PLEASE DON'T HURT THEM.

KOTOHA -CHAN..

I'LL,

I'LL...

IF THE TOWN AND PEOPLE GOT HURT BY THE PERSON THAT CAME FOR ME.

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...I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT.

IF IT'S NECESSARY TO SUPRESS THE THREAT IT CAN'T BE HELPED.

WELL THEN?

IF YOU DON'T LIKE THAT YOU SHOULD DO IT YOURSELF.

OH, OK...

ALSO,

I AM AWARE OF THAT.

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THE ECHO... SEEMS TO DISLIKE SMALL PLACES.

IT SEEMS THAT SHE CAN'T CONTROL THE REVERBARATIONS...

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KOTOHA -CHAN IS... WELL...

THAT WAS TOO MUCH...

WE'LL SEE,

EXCUSE ME.

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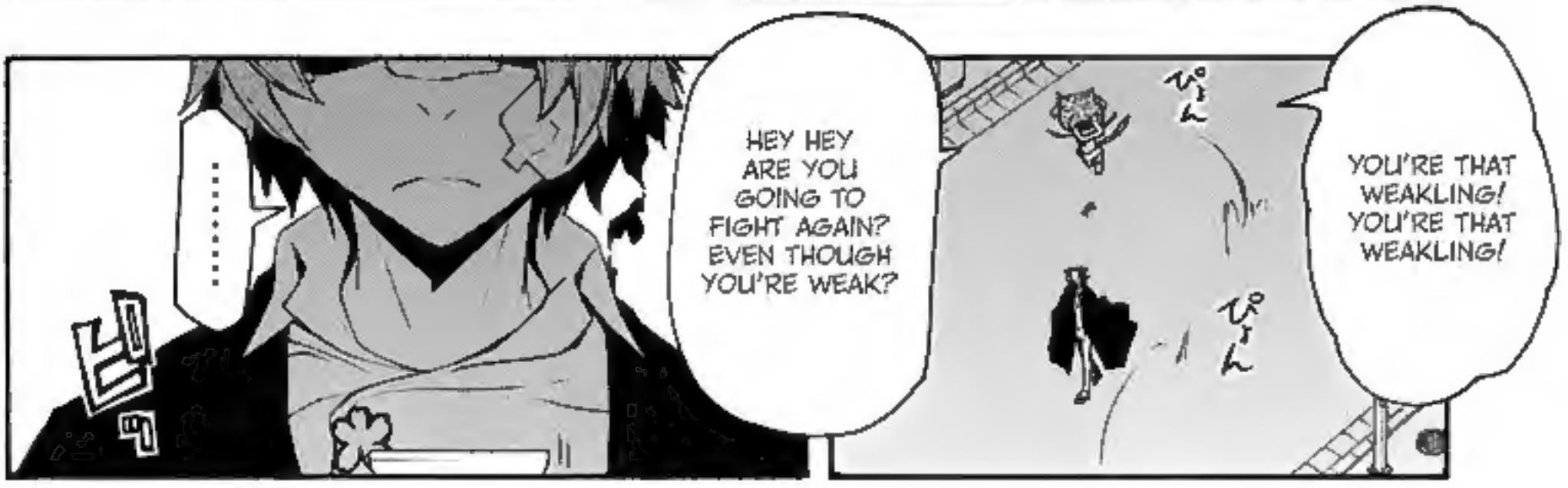
HMMM...

WHATEVER, I'M A BIT PECKISH SO I GUESS I'LL EAT.

WHAT IS THIS... SHE JUST CAME ALL OF A SUDDEN THEN...

I DON'T KNOW WHAT SHE'S THINKING ...

OH, IT'S YOU!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HEY HEY ARE YOU GOING TO FIGHT AGAIN? EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE WEAK?
YOU'RE THAT WEAKLING! YOU'RE THAT WEAKLING!

ITS AN ISOLATION BARRIER.
WE'RE GOING TO CHANGE LOCATIONS, PLEASE FOLLOW ME.

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EHH--- HERE'S FINE!
GUESS I DON'T CARE.

YUP--

YUP.

I THINK IT'LL BE THE SAME HOWEVER MANY TIMES WE FIGHT.

STILL, YOU WANT TO GO AGAIN?

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YOUR FACE LOOKS PRETTY PAINFUL! GUESS I WENT TOO FAR.

YOU FUCKING DOG.

LET'S DO IT HERE.

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SURE,

I WAS JUST GETTING IRRITATED SO I'M GAME.

FN.

DON'T DESTROY THE TOWN... HUH

GIVE A SHIT.

LIKE I...

HEEEY

HUH? MURASAKI?

...NO...

AGH, THEYRE ALL OVER THE PLACE.

IS KOTOHA ST LL NO GOOD?

I THINK THEY'D BE IN THE MIDDLE OF A FIGHT NOW

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WHOOPS.

OK, I'LL CALL AGAIN.

STAY HIDDEN AND I'LL LEAVE AO AND KOTOHA TO YOU.

I THINK EVERYONE IS LIKE THAT

RIGHT

HIME, AO, KOTOHA... WELL, KOTOHA IS PRETTY BAD W TH DIRECTIONS BUT KYOUSUKE AND TOUKA HAVE LIVED HERE S NCE THEY WERE JUST K DS.

HM? OF COURSE, I'VE LIVED HERE S NCE B RTH.

WOW, YOU KNOW A LOT OF SHORTCUTS.

BUT EVEN I NO MAYBE BECAUSE IT IS ME THERE'S SOMETHING I FEEL TOWARDS SUCH A PLACE.

..AS A DEMON SWORD I'VE ONLY THOUGHT ABOUT K LLING,

OF COURSE,

ALTHOUGH IT'S A BIT ROWDY RIGHT NOW

IT'S A N CE PEACEFUL TOWN.

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MAKES ME WANT TO TRY THAT EXTRA B T HARDER

THAT IS ALSO A BRILLIANT BLADE. LEARN THE "TASTE", AKINA,

THE "TASTE" OF THE CUT

CAN I DO IT WITH THE "TUKEYAKI BLADE"..

SINK IT IN TO YOUR TONGUE.

IF YOU DON'T YOU CAN NEVER TELL BETWEEN A GOOD AND BAD CUT

THE "TASTE OF THE CUT"

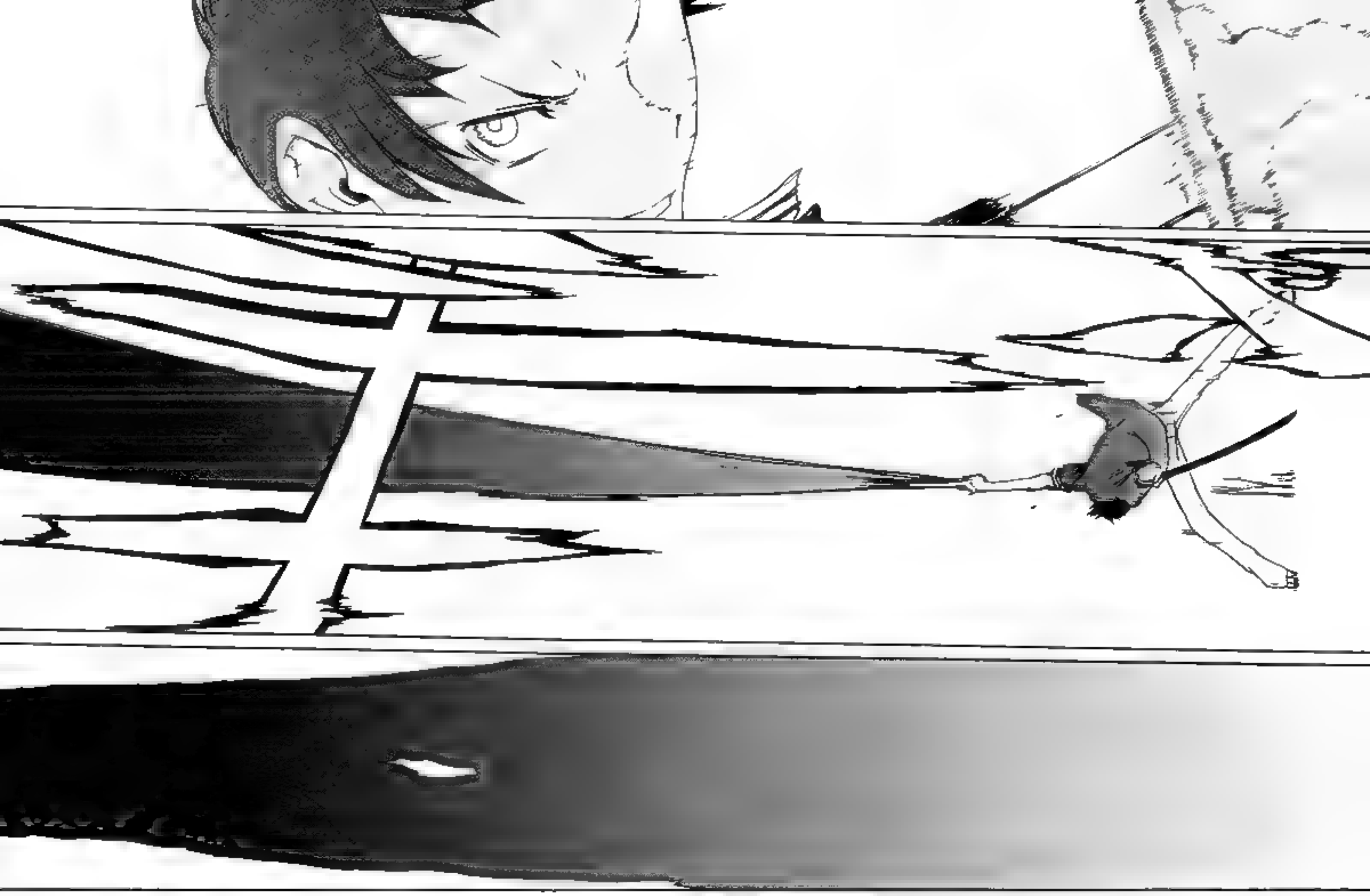
SWING AS F YOU MEAN TO CUT THE MOON!

HERE WE ARE.

PLEASE BE OKAY, HIME !

CUT IT!

I'LL HELP!



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OF COURSE

H... HEY,

YOU WON THAT PRETTY EASILY

YOU IDIOT

A DRAGON W LL NEVER LOSE TO A SNAKE.

BUT THE ZODIAC ANIMALS

I SUPPOSE IT WAS A BAD M.X

THERE'RE STILL 11 OF THEM LEFT.

MY BAD

EH!? I NEVER HEARD THAT!

DIDN'T I TELL YOU?

HUH? AH I'VE FOUGHT AGAINST IT BEFORE WHEN THERE WAS THAT TROUBLE

JEEZ, HOW CAN ENJIN USE ONMYOUDOU !?

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MM!

WELL GUESS WE'LL JUST HAVE TO DEAL WITH THIS.

C'MON ONIGO, HIME.

DON'T HOLD ME BACK, AKINA!

WE'RE GOOD I CAN'T SEE JS LOSING

WHAT ARE YOU DOING.

"TRUE"

IT'S WHEN WE SPARRED IN THE VIRTUAL REALITY

DIDN'T I TELL YOU ABOUT IT?

I NEVER HEARD THAT!

HUH, WHAT'S THAT?

"FORK" ...

WHAT IS SHE DOING... SHE EVEN SAID SHE HAD SOME NEW SPECIAL MOVE

W WHAT !?

I'LL TELL YOU LATER

WE NEED TO QUICKLY CLEAN TH S PLACE UP AND HEAD OVER TO KONOHA'S.

SHE GONE MUTE

RIGHT...

THEY SHOULD BE AT IT RIGHT NOW

HUH!? MURASAKI !?

NO, MURASAKI IS

SO IRUKA AND ZAKURA ARE FIGHTING IN HER STEAD

. IT SEEMS PRETTY QUIET.

POOR GUY, HE HAS A CUTE FACE BUT IT'S ALL SWOLLEN. FEEL SORRY FOR H M BUT THAT'S NOT GO NG TO MAKE ME STOP BECAUSE 1 M SO ANNOYED RIGHT NOW

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HE WAS OR G NALLY PRETTY WEAK, SO WITH THOSE INJUR ES THIS CAN ONLY BE EXPECTED

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HEY, YOU ALREADY DONE?

ALREADY? ALREADY?

YOU DONE?

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I SUPPOSE ALL YOU DO IS MIMIC LIKE A MONKEY SO THERE'S NO NEED TO LISTEN.

I CAN'T HEAR YOU.

CAN YOU SPEAK A LITTLE LOUDER PLEASE.

I'VE GATHERED ENOUGH DATA.

..NOW,

LET'S FINISH THIS

HAHE.. ?

I HAVE NO RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT THIS TOWN.

BUT I'VE MINIMISED THE DAMAGE.

SO I'M VERY HUNGRY.

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I'VE BEEN SLEEPING EVER SINCE THAT BEATING YOU GAVE ME.

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IT WOULD FEEL GOOD,

AFTER BEING GIVEN SO MANY KIBI DANGOS

ANALYSE THE FORM OF THE SOUND WAVE AND GENERATE THE DIRECT OPPOSITE OF IT

I TOLD YOU THAT I'VE GATHERED ENOUGH DATA.

FROM STRAIGHT ON.

AND H.T IT

ALL OF YOUR SOUND ATTACKS.

THEN I CAN NEGATE

I WON'T

THE N GHT IS DARK BUT THERE'S ST LL PLENTY OF TIME 'TIL SUNR!SE.

GO EASY ON YOU.

HE HASN'T EVEN HEALED PROPERLY YET

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DAMN T, MURASAKI.. HE TOOK MY VIRTUAL REALITY EQUIPMENT WITHOUT SAYING ANYTHING

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LET'S GO, UZUI.

WE MUST PROCEED

YES

飲料水

飲料水

飲料水

MAKE A MOVE.

FINALLY THE SENATE WILL

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KOTOHA -CHAN.

A HALF-YOUKAI'S PRESENCE

...AH.

I'M ON 2!

SO... 5 LEFT !?

THAT'S 4! AK NA !?

RAHH!!

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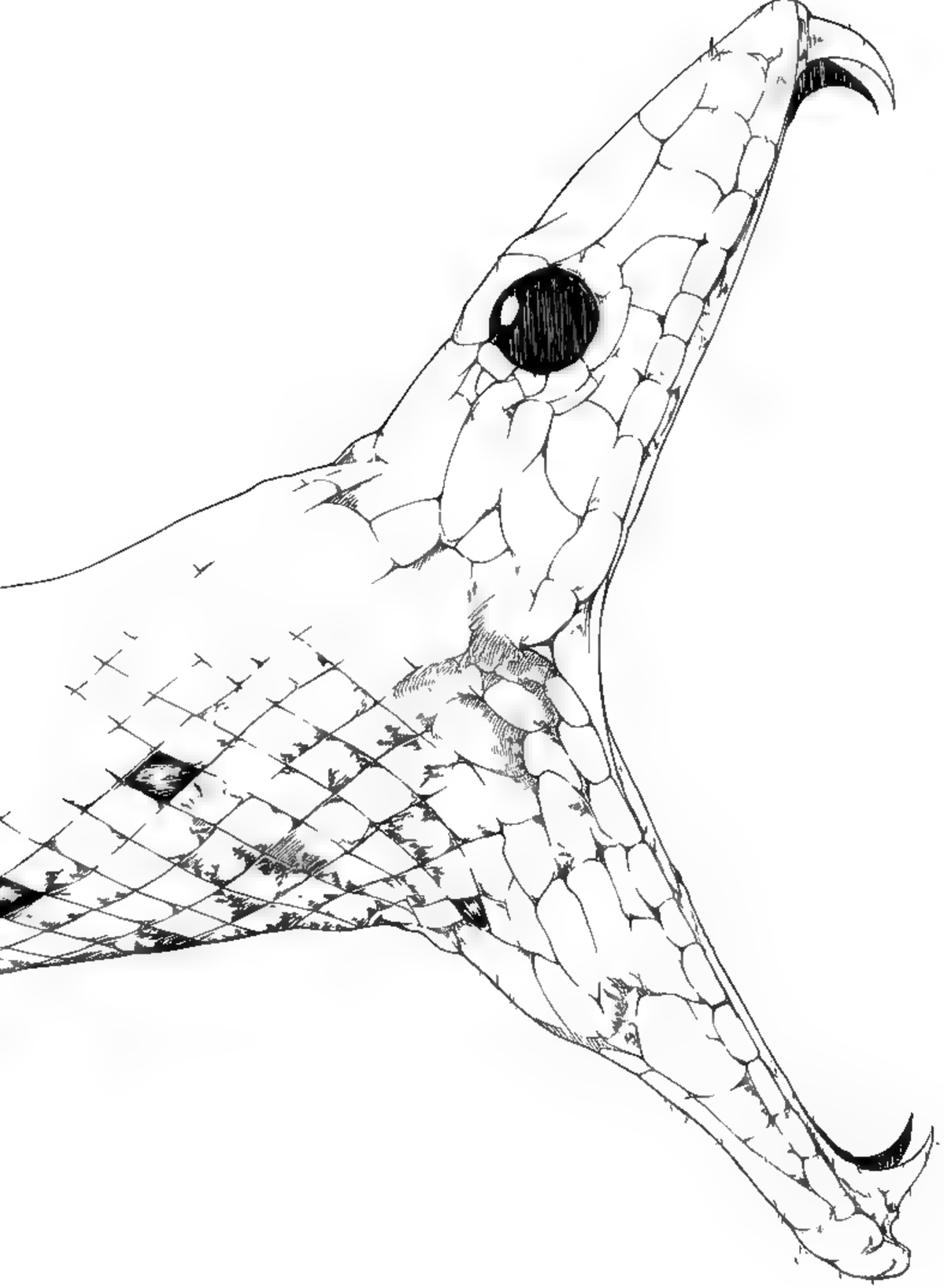

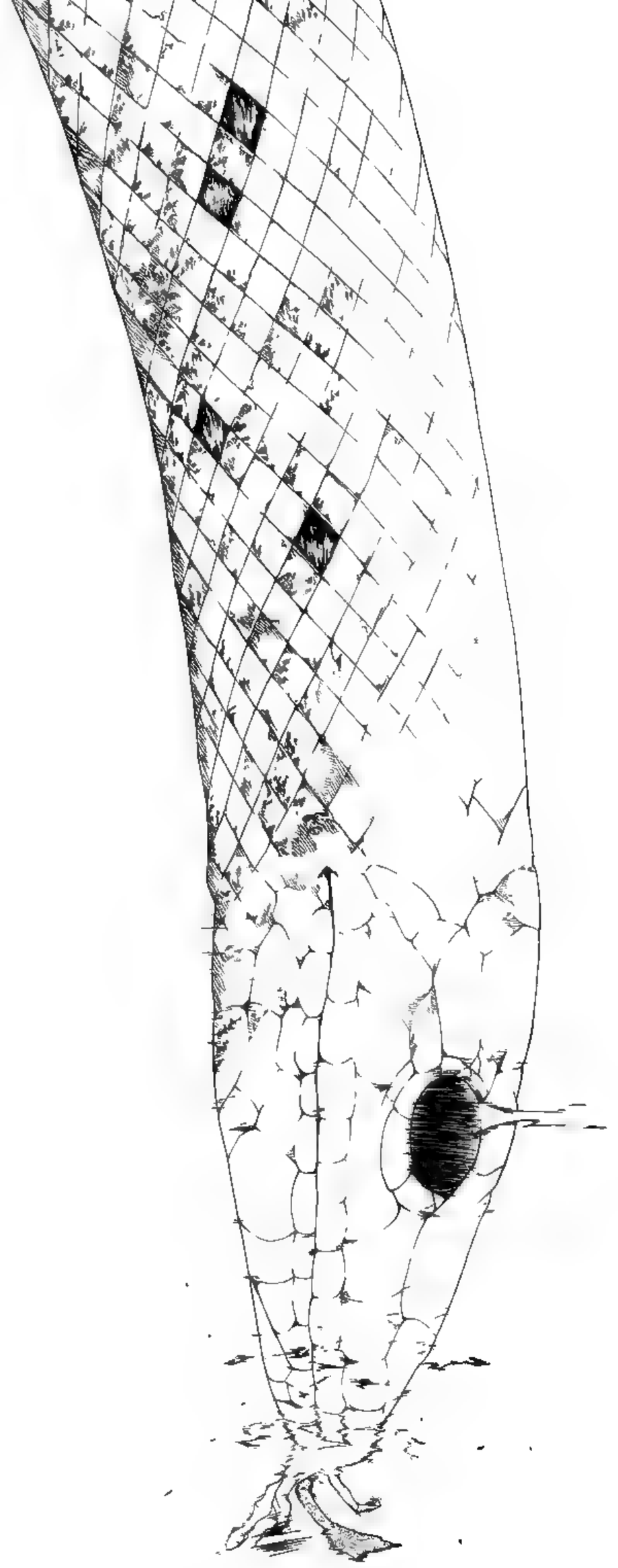

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WAS THAT.

ECHO!?

YES.

SHE'S ON YOUR SIDE!? YOU...

THAT'S WHY I HAVE GIVEN HER SOME POWER

THE FORM MAY BE DIFFERENT BUT THE RESULT IS THE SAME

AS "FALLING"

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ZUKA
-CHAN.
SHINOZUKA
-SAN..!

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR VOICE?

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SORRY I'M LATE.

MAYOR MORINO ASKED ME TO HELP YOU GUYS.

WHY..

YOU CAN'T CAST ANY SPELLS LIKE THAT..

YOU CAN'T FIGHT

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WHY DOES EVERYONE...!

WHY ARE YOU TELLING HER TO FIGHT ALL THE TIME!

BUT STILL.

NO, THEY'RE EVEN MORE VULNERABLE THAN NORMAL GIRLS.

KOTOHA -CHAN..

AND EVEN HIME-CHAN ARE JUST NORMAL GIRLS.

STILL YOU ALL MAKE THEM DO ALL THESE DANGEROUS THINGS...

IT'S WRONG!

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..AO

IT'S JUST ...

IT'S WRONG... SO WRONG.

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THE ONE SAYING SUCH THINGS...

BUT THE ONE WHO'S HURT THE MOST IS YOU.

THAT THE HALF-YOUKAI WOULD BE THE KEY TO SAVING THIS TOWN.

JUST... BEFORE, KOTOHA, YOU SAID

...I'M SORRY,

I DIDN'T MEAN IT THAT WAY

THE PAIRING IS TERRIBLE BUT COULDN'T THAT ALSO MEAN

THE CURRENT ENEMY IS

THE NATURAL ENEMY OF THE SPELL CASTER, "ECHO"

I THINK IT'S JUST TWO SIDES OF THE SAME COIN.

THAT THE SPELL CASTER COULD BECOME THE NATURAL ENEMY OF THE ECHO.

IN ACTUALITY THE MAYOR HIMSELF WAS TRYING TO COME INSTEAD

SHE MUST ALSO HAVE THE SAME FEEL.NGS.

BUT I BEGGED HIM TO STAY QUIETLY

I DO NOT WANT THAT PERSON TO GET HURT

BUT HE WOULDN'T L STEN.

I FEEL SORRY FOR SAY NG THIS BUT THERE'S NOTH.NG THAT A WEAK, NORMAL HUMAN CAN DO HAVING COME HERE

I BELIEVE THAT ALONE SHOULD BE ENOUGH REASON TO FIGHT

FOR US WHO POSESS SUPERHUMAN POWERS,

WE DON'T WANT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE IMPORTANT TO US TO FIGHT

HAS A HALF-YOUKAI ARRIVED.. NO,

THIS IS A HALF-YOUKAI'S PRESENCE!

A HALF-YOUKAI WAS JUST BORN!

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..YOU WERE AWAKE?

BEFORE, WHEN I WAS LYING IN THE BED

YOU SAID THAT YOU'D PROTECT ME, DIDN'T YOU

I WAS SO HAPPY

AND FOR

PROTECTING MY HEART

THANK YOU FOR PROTECTING ME WHILE GETTING INJURED YOURSELF

KOTOHA -CHAN...

THIS IS ENOUGH, IT'S PLENTY

NOW IT'S MY TURN

TO PROTECT AO

THAT GIRL'S OPPONENT IS ME.

SO I'LL GO.

BUT...

YOU'LL GO...

I'M THINKING CLEARLY NOW TOO.

I'M OKAY, MY HANDS AND FEET MOVE.

IN YOUR CONDIT -ION...

NOW I'M MORE SCARED OF YOU GETTING HURT AGAIN.

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I WAS SO SCARED OF THE ECHO THAT I COULDN'T SPEAK... BUT,

SO,

EVEN MY VOICE WILL WORK.

NO

AO, YOU HAVE A COUGH MINT, RIGHT?

Y... YEAH.

FEED ME ONE.

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ZUKA-CHAN, SORRY BUT CAN YOU LOOK AWAY FOR A SEC.

KOTOHA -CHAN...

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KOTOHA ISONE'S BATTLE SUIT

KOTOHA -CHAN.

BE CAREFUL.

I'LL BE FINE.

SHORTCUT!

'KAY,

LET'S GO!

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